

**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS**

Minutes – Open Session September 20, 2019

Approved by the Board on October 18, 2019

<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-Members</b>
Risa Ganel, LCMFT, <i>Chair</i>	Kimberly B. Link, J.D., Exec. Dir.
Jeffrey M. Galecki, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Rhonda Edwards, AAG Frances A. Cipriotti, Administrator
Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, <i>Secretary</i>	Anna Sullivan, Admin. Officer Tawana Brown, Admin. Specialist
Aparna Ramaswamy, Ed.D., Ph.D., LCPC, ACS	Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator Willie Harris, Metro MFT
Amanda Bechtel, LCPC, LCPAT	Rachael Faulkner, LCPCM
Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC	Ansley Erdel, Talkspace
Sara Carlton, Consumer, <i>Absent</i>	Alexandra Jacobi, LCPC, Talkspace
Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Absent</i>	Kim Lang, DMH
C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer	Erin Appel, Talkspace
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT	John Reilly, Esq., Talkspace
Winnie Moore, LCPC, <i>Absent</i>	Neil Leibowitz, M.D., CEO, Talkspace
Michael W. Nettles, LCPC	Lorraine Smith, Executive Dir., Bd. Of Psychology Examiners
	Stan Weinstein, Executive Dir., Bd. Of Social Work Examiners
	Danielle Vallone, Compliance Manager
	Shelly-Ann Barnes, Investigator
	Janice Isaac, Admin. Specialist

9:00 a.m. Discipline Review Committee

9:30 a.m. Credentialing Committee  
Legs/Regs Committee

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.*

- I. Review/Approval of Agenda – *Approved.*
- II. Review/Approval of Open Session minutes of August 16, 2019 – *Approved.*
- III. Reports:
  - A. Chair:
    - i. Posting for board vacancy closed September 3, 2019, vetting of applicants will be conducted by the Governor’s Appointments Office, board members and public will be notified when a new member has been appointed.

ii. New Board Member Orientation, October 7, 2019, at UMBC; Sharon Bolden and Karen Katrinic plan to attend the orientation.

iii. Board elections for officer positions will be held during the Open Session of the October 18, 2019 meeting; those interested please let Kim Link know in advance; nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

iv. A newsletter from the Chair will be sent via email to all licensees, certificate holders and trainees in early October. Please let Kim Link know if you have suggestions for newsletter content.

B. Board Counsel – No report.

C. Legislation/Regulations Committee (Bechtel):

i. Proposed LCPC regulations are expected to be finalized for Board vote at the October 18, 2019 meeting. A draft will be sent to all members prior to the meeting so that the members have adequate time to review the regulations before voting.

ii. Committee will meet on September 27, 2019 at 12 pm at the board's office to review the proposed changes to the alcohol and drug counselor regulations.

iii. Due to the complexity of the proposed regulations for LCPC and AD Counselors, revisions to the LCMFT and LCPAT regulations will not be submitted until February 2020.

D. Credentialing Committee (Bolden): Review of applications regarding various issues and circumstances, including:

i. Request for consideration of post graduate hours earned in another state toward Maryland LCPC – Committee requested more information from applicant.

ii. Request for waiver of 2 year requirement for LGPC – Denied.

E. Discipline Review Committee (Galecki): The committee continues to meet monthly. CRC to be held today at 12:30 pm on matter involving a LCPC; Galecki and Drotleff will attend.

F. Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee (Link): Committee recommended Carol Baltazar, M.D. for the consumer position – Board voted and approved the recommendation unanimously. Committee recommended Samantha Hardesty, LBA for the licensee position – Board voted and approved the recommendation.

IV. Old Business (Link):

A. Maryland Program Evaluation Act and Sunset Review: updated report was drafted by Kim Link and submitted to DLS on August 30, 2019; DLS will review and issue a report; Board must introduce legislation (via MDH or a sponsor) next session to extend Board termination date for 10 years.

B. Kim Link and Jeff Galecki met with the Office of the Inspector General to review its audit findings for the period of July 1, 2017 to February 21, 2018. The Office of Legislative Audits will be onsite as of October 1, 2019, to conduct audits of various health occupations boards for the period of September 28, 2015 through September 24, 2019.

V. New Business (Link):

A. The Board sent a general notice regarding license and certificate renewal to those licensees and certificate holders whose licenses or certificates expire January 31, 2019. A more detailed renewal notice will be sent in October.

B. Board sent a notice to ADTs and AD approved supervisors regarding requirements for ADT renewal.

C. Kim Link has been invited to join the Advisory Group of the ACA and CSGA for the development of an occupational licensure compact for the counseling profession. The first series of conference calls will be held between September 24 – 30. The first meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. on October 3-4, 2019. Kim Link will report regularly on progress of the Advisory Group.

D. Presentation by representatives of Talkspace; general presentation and questions from Board members regarding nature of the platform, privacy issues, disciplinary issues, emergency situations, etc.

*Motion to close Open Session. Carried. Open Session adjourned at 11:55 a.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, Secretary*